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UNITED FUND GOAL SET AT \$15,000

CO-WORKERS SEEK PLEDGES FROM ALL BARNES EMPLOYEES

Determined to make it a quick convenient procedure for every fellow worker wanting to help the United Fund help the less fortunate, 170 of the Barnes group's friendly employees will begin Monday, October 1, visiting their co-workers to obtain pledges for the UF's aid to 116 local welfare agencies.

Working under the direction of their department heads, in cooperation with associate directors, the solicitors have been selected to represent every work unit in the medical center. So that no person misses his chance to give, the name of each employee has been placed on one of the familiar orange-colored pledge cards, and these divided among the callers.

The card will be personally delivered to the employee on the job, with the hope that his pledge will be made and signed while the caller waits. It is asked that all cards be returned to the solicitor. He in turn passes them on through the department head and associate director so that at 4 o'clock each day a hospital-wide tabulation may be made.

Hospital officials are hopeful that all employees will endorse, with them, the United Fund's suggested giving of "an hour's pay per month for the next 12 months."

Solicitors will be suggesting "Give Till It Helps," the UF's 1962 challenge in behalf of the thousands who cannot help themselves.

Pledges need not be accompanied by immediate payment, it has been explained. Payroll deduction is the preferred method. When authorized for deductions, the hospital will relay the pledge in installments to the United Fund over a 12-month period.

Donors may, however, make direct payment by their own check or money order, or cash, either at the time of pledging or by some later date which they specify on the pledge card.



First to contribute to this year's United Fund drive at Barnes Hospital is Acting Director Harry E. Panhorst, left, who receives a receipt for his donation, while passing back his signed solicitation card to Jessie Mae Pinkston, one of 170 employees soliciting in the campaign. Watching the kick-off of the campaign which extends through October 15 is John Boyer, assistant hospital director and captain of the annual drive.

Blood Sub-Station Benefits Patients

A blood bank sub-station has been established on the third floor of Barnes Hospital to speed up availability of blood for transfusion to patients in surgery, said Dr. Crofford Vermillion, an associate director at Barnes.

In addition to expediting the process through closer location to the operating rooms, the innovation offers improved control of blood distribution, he noted.

By double-checking the unit of blood against the blood types appearing on the requisition and the patient's report sheet, the system also minimizes the risk of administering the wrong type of blood to a patient.

The new technique further reduces the chance for human error by eliminating a third handling, that of the orderly who formerly delivered the blood from the bank to the operating room.

Manned by Rodney Gardner, a laboratory assistant, the facility is located midway down the building corridor where the pas-

sageways from the two operating areas intersect.

As the control person of the
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Heat Wave Expected; Thermometer To Record Progress of UF Drive

Contrary to climatic expectations during October, the Barnes Hospital group is anticipating high thermometer readings from the first to the 15th of the month. That is the period designated for United Fund solicitations.

Instead of measuring temperature, however, the hospital will be using an eight-foot wooden thermometer to show day-to-day progress of employees' pledges as they mount up for United Fund. The red, white and blue facsimile of a Texas-type temperature taker will be displayed in the personnel cafeteria. There everybody can see its red indicator rise toward the \$15,000 goal.

John M. Boyer, assistant hospital director and captain of the UF campaign, predicts "cooperation and concerted effort certain to put us over the top before the drive ends. Success in this is mainly a matter of seeing that everybody is contacted with

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An Appeal To Hospital Employees

As all of you know, this is the time of year when the United Fund makes its annual appeal.

Your Board of Trustees does not believe this is just an ordinary appeal. The over 100 agencies which the Fund helps support in our immediate area is an accomplishment all of its own. All of us are our brothers' keepers in the fact that we should help share the responsibility for the sick, the blind, the care of unfortunate children, the aged, and the handicapped. All of us know "no man lives alone" and this is the one time throughout the year when we have the opportunity to provide help for our less fortunate members of the community regardless of their creed, their color, or their religion.

Before long Barnes Hospital employees will be asked to contribute as much as each of us can. We believe that you will want to give one hour's pay per month for twelve months. Some of your fellow employees have been asked to contact you, so when they come around—let's all go 100%.

Sincerely yours,

Edgar M. Queeny
Chairman

Hospital Announces Employee Advancements For September

Thirty-nine Barnes Hospital employees have earned promotions for the period from August 12 to September 11, according to the personnel office.

Promoted from nurse assistants to senior nurse assistants are Minnie Hayes, Bessie Watkins, Mary M. Breeding, Luella M. Evans, Catherine Daily, Elouise Partee, Altoria White, Caldwell Marcelene, Ernestine Jones, Martha Pregge, Bettie Jean Goodwin, Harriett Todd, Sweetie L. Nichols, Barbara J. Turner, Mary Ann Williams and Ruth Sizemore.

Advanced to junior nurse assistant are Goldie Sutton, Queen Ester Ross, Shirley Ann Kelley, Minnie B. Banks, Faye Miller, Georgia Barte and Harry H. Davis.

Other promotions include: Alice Lee, Marjorie Huffman and Maryjo Kaspar to assistant head nurse; Fay E. Church and Elsie M. Woods to ward clerk; J. C. Henderson and Willie Fleming to laundry group leader.

Also acquiring new positions

are Adele Mueller to nurse assistant; Helen M. Abernathy to food service hostess; Konrad Schuler to housekeeper; Judith Robertson to administrative dietitian; Cora Glauser to associate director, nursing in-service education program; Margaret Brady to nursing supervisor; Culman O. Manley to floor technician; Dorothy Lownsdale to head nurse and Kathleen Butz to instructor, school of nursing.

BLOOD BANK

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sub-station, Rodney is responsible for transferring each day's surgical blood needs from the central blood bank to the nearer accommodation. With the supply assembled at one location, the circulating nurse coming from the operating room finds the procurement of blood speedy and convenient.

The sub-station closes every day about 3:00 p.m. after regularly scheduled operations normally end. In emergency or special operations conducted after that hour, orderlies are dis-



Singer Frankie Laine talks informally to members of the candy stripe organization during an awards program held at the hospital Saturday, September 8. While visiting St. Louis on another engagement, the noted singer made a guest appearance in Wohl Clinic's Clopton Amphitheatre, where the 200 candy strippers were being honored for outstanding service. Working in cooperation with the Barnes Hospital Women's Auxiliary, the youngsters gave about 14,000 hours of service to patients and staff during the summer.

patched to the blood bank on the second floor for the fluid.

Rodney pointed out that an evening inventory is conducted daily in the sub-station to determine blood usage and amounts being returned to the central blood bank.

Rand Johnson, Renard Building Moves Ahead

Structural work on the Rand Johnson surgical wing's four story addition is expected to be completed well ahead of schedule. All concrete has now been poured and bricklayers, now working between the 10th and 11th floors, are expected to finish by November 15.

Difficulties encountered in placing machinery, essential to rerouting of steam lines, will probably offset the structural gains, however, according to Robert I. Hayes, construction superintendent.

Renovation of elevators serving the surgical wing is now underway and traffic is being rerouted to cause a minimum of inconvenience to patients, staff and visitors.

Work on the one-floor addi-

Fire Emergency Plan Developed By Barnes

Detailed instructions for a revised fire control plan are covered in a new manual being prepared for distribution to all departments in the complex.

The manual specifies procedures for all affected departments in prevention, fire fighting and evacuation. The plan has been developed by the hospital's fire prevention and control council, in consultation with the St. Louis City Fire Department.

Members of the council who helped produce the manual are Joseph T. Greco, chairman; Donald J. Horsh, vice-chairman; Dr. Harvey Bernard, department of surgery; Dr. Malcolm L. Peterson, department of medicine; J. C. Claywell, department of engineering; Doris Cook, dietary department; Dillon Trulov, housekeeping department; Donald Donaldson, department of safety-security, and Susan Hackman, nursing department.

tion to Renard Hospital is on schedule, according to J. C. Claywell, chief engineer.



Improved patient services will result in Barnes and affiliated hospitals because of the 48 new full-time nurses added to the medical center's staff. Shown above, Miss Ann Campbell, director of nursing services and nursing education, welcomes the first wave of 29 nurses, the largest number ever to join the staff at one time. The remaining 19 nurses will assume their new positions by the first of November. Officials of the Barnes Hospital School of Nursing are proud that 43 of this year's 63 graduates are going to be working in the Barnes group.



Seventy young women, representatives of seven states, including Hawaii, recently began their nursing careers in ceremonies held at the Washington University School of Medicine auditorium. The traditional candlelight ceremony, in which the freshmen make the Florence Nightingale pledge, marks the beginning of the three-year training program of the Barnes Hospital School of Nursing.

NAME THE AUTOMATIC CAFETERIA Contest for Employees

Fill out this form and deposit it, before November 15, in the special box near the door of the former "Ozark Room." An award of \$25.00 will be given to the person submitting the best name for the new automatic cafeteria. The selection, by an anonymous committee of the Barnes Hospital Auxiliary, will be announced in the November issue of the Hospital Record.

I suggest the new eating place be named: _____

Contestant's name: _____

Contestant's department: _____

Know Your Hospital

Barnes 'Red Carpet' Admitting Service Processes 28,000 In-patients, 187,000 Clinic Visits Annually

Geared to the concept of "red carpet service," the symbol of which covers the Barnes Hospital lobby floor, the various admitting offices in this hospital group process approximately 28,000 in-patients a year, while accounting for 187,000 out-patient visits during a similar period.

"From the time a patient arrives at the front door, until the moment he is turned over to the nursing department, the emphasis of our operation is on friendly, courteous and efficient service," says Robert James Nelson, recently appointed coordinator of admissions for the medical center.

As the head of this department, Nelson supervises some 75 employees assigned throughout offices and stations in several different buildings.

The matter of keeping these practices, procedures and training functions correlated has Nelson frequently "wishing I could be in five different places at once."

The complexity of his job is posed by the physical distance between admitting offices in Barnes, Wohl, Renard, Maternity and McMillan hospitals. The young official also has jurisdiction over admissions in the various out-patient clinics operated by Washington University, the emergency room and several general information desks.

In spite of its scattered parts, the admissions department manages to keep dependable records on daily admissions and related data. A report of all the preceding day's transactions is circulated each morning.

"Our main purpose is to see that optimum use is made of the beds," Nelson noted in relation to in-patients. "This calls for keeping track of all discharges, anticipated and unexpected, and any newly acquired space."

Other considerations have to be given to complaints, individual regulations within the separate hospitals, screening of patients for clinical eligibility, private patient accommodations,

legal aspects of indigent cases as they relate to the laws of the patient's native state, room and service transfers, and finding the type of room that a patient desires.

A routine in-patient admission requires a reservation made by the patient's doctor ranging from one day to a month in advance, with emergencies being the only exception.

In either case, detailed information concerning the patient's history and background is requested, and recorded on forms to which the patient applies his signature.

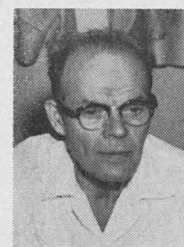
The interview is followed by a blood test, the specimen for which is taken by a laboratory assistant in the admissions office, and a name plate is engraved. The next step involves escorting the patient to his room, a task that is performed by the hospital dispatch service.

The messenger who accompanies the patient to his quarters must make sure that the

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Clyde Caldwell Named Manager Of Laundry

Clyde Caldwell, who has served 14 years with Barnes Hospital, has been promoted from assistant laundry manager to manager. He replaces Julius Krasner who has retired due to ill health.



Caldwell, father of four grown sons, has 29 years of laundry experience, and before coming to Barnes operated his own establishment in southern Illinois.

Caldwell is active in the Boy Scout program, serving as assistant commissioner of the West District. He lives at 5338 Enright with his wife who is director of nurses at the Masonic Home's hospital.

MEDICAL SCHOOL FACULTY

Six new faculty appointments to the staff of the Washington University School of Medicine have been announced by Dean Edward W. Dempsey, including that of Dr. Richard M. Krause, professor of epidemiology in the department of preventive medicine and associate professor of medicine.

Other appointments include: Dr. Paul R. Hackett, associate professor of anesthesiology; Dr. Peter Rennie, visiting assistant professor of anatomy; Dr. James C. Peden, Jr., instructor in medicine and preventive medicine; Dr. David Schlessinger, instructor in microbiology, and George Waller, instructor in social work.

Dr. Peden will also assume duties as director of the Student Health Service.

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an opportunity to give. We're set for that," he asserts, "and the person's feelings will do the rest."

The United Fund supports 116 agencies which provide services to children deprived of parents, to men and women with severe disabilities, the sick, emotionally disturbed, the lonely and abandoned, and others in unfortunate circumstances.

As the appointed leader of the hospital drive, Boyer will coordinate efforts of solicitors and all other personnel working for the Barnes goal.

Results turned over daily to the payroll department will be tabulated to show on the cafeteria's thermometer.



Incoming patient Dee Frasier is shown going through normal admitting procedures of the Barnes group. At top, he is interviewed while admitting form is being filled by Ann Baranovie, administration secretary. In the lower photo, Frasier smiles courageously as lab technician Laura Dockins prepares to take blood for test. Third view shows him being wheeled onto the elevator by dispatch messenger Bill Fowler, who transports the patient to a room assigned by the admissions office.





One of the first to take advantage of the gleaming new vending machines recently installed in the former "Ozark Room" was Elaine Bennett, typist in general services administration. The newly converted facility in McMillan basement is now serving the type known as TV dinners, plus sandwiches, salads, desserts, hot food in cans, ice cream, candy, milk, pastry and other items. The hospital has furnished the remodeled facility with new tables and chairs. Vending machines are furnished by Spot Sales Inc. An entry blank is on page 2 for a contest being held to name the new cafeteria.



These three members of a new dietary internship class make notes as Judith Robertson, a dietitian in the main kitchen, points out certain food traits before a loaded cart is wheeled to the elevator. Under the one-year program, checking food that is about to be served is an important task of the dietary intern. In-service trainees evaluating the dishes are Joyce Hagert, Joanne Isaacson and Lilly Harman. New interns, not shown, include: Royce Ann Baxter, Judith Cochran, Erlinda Guzman, Reta Kay Hamill, Joan Pospichal and Jeanette Wissmiller.

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admissions form, the name plate for the bed and the patient's personal belongings are carried along.

"We strive to make the whole procedure as convenient and comfortable as possible," Nelson pointed out. "Wheelchairs are ordinarily used to transport the patient to his destination."

In emergency cases an attempt is made to conduct the proceedings in the same manner, although a patient's critical condition may delay the steps and make the thorough report more difficult to obtain. It is often after an emergency patient has initial treatment and is confined at Barnes when the admissions office must follow through with a detailed interview.

Where insurance is involved,

Nelson emphasized, a complete record is important because claims are sometimes discredited if only abbreviated data is available.

Personnel handling the various information desks throughout the hospitals have the responsibility of taking messages for patients and employees, routing packages and flowers and giving directional information to visitors. Another incidental chore is knowing how to reach Nelson.

"This happens to be one of our toughest assignments," smiled one information clerk. "But, fortunately, he's usually scurrying around within sight of one eye or the other and, if we don't take time to blink, we have his whereabouts almost always pinpointed on short notice."

Chaplain's Corner

By George A. Bowles

An outstanding educator, who had spent most of his active life in the classroom and administrative posts in universities, decided that he would like to try to classify the young people he had known across the years. The more he thought about the problem of working out the classification, the simpler it seemed to get.

He finally came up with three groups that seemed to include all the students he had known, and here they are: First, there are those who make things happen. In the second place, there are those who stand on the sidelines and watch the game of life as it is played by others. Then there are those who are never quite aware of the fact that anything is happening.

It would have made it more comfortable for all of us if he had just stopped with the students he had known, but he didn't do that. He went on to say any community of adults could be classified under the same headings.

All people would like to have it said of them that they are thought of as people who at least try to make things happen. We don't like to be thought of as people who stand on the sidelines and watch others make the game work. Of all things, we resent being told that we have no awareness of the fact that things do happen in our world.

The point the educator was trying to make to students was that, to a great extent, they would be responsible for their own classification.



Henson Trovillion is seen operating the new battery-powered sweeper recently acquired by the housekeeping department. Used both inside and outside, and for polishing as well as sweeping floors, the machine is capable of cleaning an acre of space in less than 45 minutes. Without the sweeper, the job of cleaning drive-ways and sidewalks around the hospital took three men, each working three hours. Now the same job is done by one man in less than 150 minutes. Dillon Trulove, executive housekeeper, points out that workers released by the new machine are being used in an expanded program of grounds beautification.

First Prize Given Mary Ryan By Anesthetist Association

Mary Ryan, senior student in the Barnes Hospital School for Nurse Anesthetists, has received a \$100 first prize in an essay competition sponsored by the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists.

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